

The imposition of a broadcast flag that impacts the use of home networks injects an unknowable factor on the development of personal computing. Twenty years from now the home network will integrate all household appliances, communication and security systems, utilities, vehicles, personal communication and computing devices, as well as entertainment systems. This will be essential in reducing energy use and cost, as well as satisfying global warming cries and improving the efficiency of our economy. The introduction of a remotely controlled physical lock that can shut down such a network invites widespread problems, because of equipment failure or obsolescence and also the potential of malicious hacking.

The FCC mandate does not extend to the field of computers, so any implementation contained in rules must not directly or indirectly affect any general computing platform.